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AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 214
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 2:30 p.m., 20 March 1957**

**James O. Reber
Chairman**

P R E S E N T

**Col. William A. Dodds, OACSI
Col. Erwin F. Forsythe, OACSI
Col. Quintin S. Lander, OACSI
Major J. P. Ruppert, OACSI
Major George Van Lathem, OACSI
Mr. Ray Adcock, OACSI
Comdr. J. M. Larsen, ONI
Major Donald Conroy, USMC
Col. James H. Macia, Jr., AFOIN
Major Paul K. Hoffman, AFOIN
Major William L. Nichols, AFOIN**

Mr. Arthur C. Lundahl, CIA

Resumption of Missions

1. The Chairman reported that it was currently planned to reinstitute on a mission to Syria and a longer one to include Egypt. He requested that requirements on that basis be made available to his office by Friday morning in order to provide guidance for Operations.

2. After some discussion, the Committee requested the Chairman to forward their views to the Project Director as follows:

"1. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee, at its meeting yesterday, was informed of the current plans for of Middle Eastern area in view of the present situation in that area.

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NSA and ARMY review(s) completed.

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"2. The agencies agreed to present under our normal procedure requirements by Friday of this week for possible missions next week, and these will be referred to Operations as usual promptly.

"3. In view of the dangers involved in such overflights and possible jeopardy to the major objective, namely, the penetration of the USSR, and in view of their understanding that engine time is a matter for concern, the members of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee are maintaining a constant alert in their agencies to identify real need for coverage. They will keep the Chairman continuously informed in order that Operations may be advised promptly.

"4. Pending the receipt toward the end of this week of the take from mission 1365, the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee recommends missions only when needed to meet requirements and does not endorse the establishment of a schedule of a mission to Syria and a longer mission [redacted] in the situation at present."

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Proposal for the Establishment of [redacted]

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3. The Air Force submitted a draft SOP for [redacted] (TH 1616-7; [redacted] 57). A copy of this is being disseminated to the members for their review. This will be on the agenda at an early meeting of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee.

SOP For [redacted] USAFE and FEAF

4. Revisions of the draft as proposed at the meeting will be incorporated in a new draft which the Chairman will disseminate to the interested parties shortly.

Highest and High Priority Targets for Western USSR, the Far East, and European Satellites

5. The cover memorandum by this title, which is to accompany the machine listing of targets in the areas indicated, was disseminated and reviewed at the meeting. It was agreed that final consideration would be postponed until the next Ad Hoc Requirements Committee meeting in order to permit time for study.

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Discussion of the NSA Memorandum

6. The Army read a paper strongly opposing the view expressed in the NSA memorandum, copy of which was distributed to Army, Navy, Air Force, OCL, OSI, and ORR (TCS-1071-57). The Navy associated itself in general with the views of the Army. The Air Force had no comment.

7. The Chairman requested the Army representative submit the memorandum which he had read and indicate in his transmittal at least the informal views of the Air Force and Navy on the paper. The Chairman recalled that [] in submitting the NSA memorandum, had explained that NSA's objective in submitting the paper was to point up considerations which might be overlooked in the eagerness for securing data on [] and the possible jeopardy to other collection sources. The Chairman felt that the expression of views on this question had been extremely useful and, as soon as the Army's memorandum is received, he will present the various views to the Director of the Project for consideration.

Expediting Courier Service

8. The Chairman called attention to the fact that papers transmitted from his office to the members were being delayed in the TALENT centers in their agencies. The members agreed that if urgent papers for their attention were marked with an expedite slip it would insure prompt delivery to them.

Briefing on Configuration C

9. Mr. Lundahl noted that in a couple of weeks HTAUTOMAT would be in a position to hold a briefing on the C Configuration in such a manner as would permit comparison with A-1, A-2 and B Configuration products.

HTAUTOMAT Research and Development

10. Mr. Lundahl informed the Committee that his office had a substantial program of research and development of interest to the photo interpretation field. He stated that some agencies had already become conversant with this program and that all agencies, members of Ad Hoc Requirements Committee, may be informed at their convenience. An expression of interest in certain research and development items at this time may turn out to be mutually beneficial.

Caution to Use of [] HTAUTOMAT

11. Mr. Lundahl called attention to the fact that the security barrier established at HTAUTOMAT is only a TALENT [] He

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cautioned that those who visit HTAUTOMAT should be aware of the fact that while many of the personnel in HTAUTOMAT [] cleared they are not all. Accordingly, discussions [] material should be undertaken only after care has been taken to see that those present are cleared. 25X1

Use of Ad Hoc Requirements Committee Minutes

12. The Chairman noted that the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee Minutes are prepared principally as a convenience to insure that all participants can readily keep track of Ad Hoc Requirements Committee business and to follow up on matters on which they have agreed to take responsibility. He stated that he would seek to make these minutes as clear and explicit as possible, and he requested that the members for their part try to insure that those working with them in their own agencies would be properly informed.

JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman

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- 2-ONI
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- 10-OSI ESO
- 11-ORR
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